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Port Almanac—February 10.

Sun Rises	6 54 A M
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Day's Length	10 h 41 m
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High Water at Wilmington	8 53 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 10

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 43°; 8 p. m., 45°; maximum, 54°; minimum, 42°; mean, 49°.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 1.59.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina: Generally fair; easterly winds.

OUTLINES.

Yesterday morning a gig came ashore from the cruiser Marblehead, lying off Charleston, bringing six seamen who were injured on the ship during her passage down the coast, and ambulances conveyed the wounded men to the Marine Hospital of the city. —— All efforts made to board the warship off Charleston bar yesterday by newspaper correspondents were futile. —— Governor John D. Long denies the announcement published in a Canton paper yesterday that he had been tendered the navy portfolio. —— A circular letter of the ladies of New York to the women of the United States, asking their earnest and prompt co-operation in urging upon the Senate of the United States to ratify the arbitration treaty between this country and Great Britain. —— Two robbers attempt to hold up a train on the Santa Fe line; one of them was shot and killed by the express messenger, and the other compelled the fireman to get on his engine again and run the engine and two cars up the road, where it was stopped and he made his escape. —— The City Council of Charleston extends an invitation to the Governor and General Assembly of South Carolina to visit the city on the 18th. —— The steamer Three Friends is at Pilot Tow, Jacksonville, waiting to go out after any ship that might arrive off the bar; the Dauntless is still tied up at the dock under the supervision of the revenue cutter. —— The Senate went into executive session at 12 40 for the purpose of resuming consideration of the arbitration treaty; President Cleveland was overruled by the House in the matter of vetoes of two pension bills. —— A quarrel over the possession of a match resulted in a frightful shooting affray near Abingdon, Washington county, Va., Sunday morning. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1¼@3 per cent., last loan at 1¼ per cent., closing offered at 1¼ per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 7¼c. Southern flour dull and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 30@3 60; good to choice $3 75@4 00; wheat—spot dull and firm; No. 2 red free on board 93⅜c; corn—spot dull and easier; No. 2 28⅝c at elevator and 30⅝c afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine firmer at 29@29½c.

Senator Peffer takes back with him into private life his whiskers, but he also takes a reputation for honesty and devotion to the cause which he represented.

According to a paper read at a recent Jewish Historical Society at Baltimore, there are in this country 500,000 Jews, 140,000 of whom are in the city of New York.

The reforms that Spain promises Cuba will not be entered upon until the Cubans acknowledge themselves whipped, in which event Spain will not see any necessity for reforms.

It is said that there are 100,000 people in Northern Louisiana in a state of destitution in consequence of the severe and protracted drought last year. And yet we hear very little about it.

It is said that Mr. Hanna declines to go into the Cabinet. He has his eye on the Senate, and although Gov. Bushnell has him down now he hopes to roll Bushnell over and get on top later on.

The young man in St. Louis who was fined $10 for attempting to kiss a girl that he didn't kiss will go about it more systematically next time and not take any chances on throwing away so much money.

If you would like to know how much the earth weighs, Prof. Mendenhal, of the United States Coast Survey, says all you have to do is to put down a figure 6, hitch on 21 ciphers, write "tons" after it, and you have it.

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Addison Cammack, who retired from Wall Street a few days ago, went from Kentucky twenty years ago with $10,000 in cash, which grew to $1,000,000, when he concluded to pull out, and give some other fellow a chance. It isn't often you strike a man who knows when has enough.

Massachusetts is looking for a continuous job in ejecting the Egyptian moth. She proposes to spend $300,000 a year for five years, $100,000 a year for five years more and $15,000 a year for five years after that, by which time she hopes the moth will depart.

If Wm. Waldorf Astor doesn't associate too much with the Prince of Wales and other highfliers in England, and let them get a pull on him, he ought to be able to get along pretty will on his income of $6,000,000 a year.

It would be somewhat remarkable if the kick against Mark Hanna's bossing should come from Ohio, but that's the way it looks. And this may be the beginning of a racket that will make it uncomfortable for Mr. McKinley.

Boston has a self-propelling steam fire-engine which scuds along at ten miles an hour and can without puffing climb the steepest grade in the city.

It is said that American colleges received in the aggregate last year bequests in money and property to the amount of $16,000,000.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HEAR—The "Fire Alarm."
JAS. D. NUTT—Cough remedy.
MARY F. VANAMRINGE—Notice.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— There was no police court yesterday.

— The shelling of Third street, between Princess and Chesnut, was completed yesterday.

— The monthly inspection of the Wilmington Light Infantry will take place to-night at 8.15 o'clock.

— The Seaboard Air Line offers a rate of one fare for the round trip to parties wishing to attend the approaching inauguration.

— The kitchen of Mr. W. W. Shaw was feloniously entered on Monday night and a large part, in fact all, of the provisions accessible removed.

— News reached here last evening of the death at Southport yesterday morning of Mrs. Ephraim Gause, after a protracted illness. She was the widow of the late Ephraim Gause, a well known pilot.

— Two young white boys of this city, whose ages range between 12 and 14 years, ran away yesterday. They were last seen going South and it is supposed that Savannah, Ga., is their intended destination.

Preparing for the Convention.

The Baptists are moving vigorously along in their preparations for the entertainment of the big convention which is to meet here at a date now not far distant.

The contract for repairs to the church was awarded sometime ago to Mr. C. D. Morrell. He has been engaged up to the present in plumbing, but the regular carpenter work will be commenced soon. The lumber will be brought to the spot to-day.

The work on the interior of the main audience room, particularly the carpeting, is being pushed no less vigorously.

An Intolerable Nuisance.

Residents on Seventh street complain of the disorderly conduct of gangs of colored youths who make the night hideous with their brawling, yelling and singing at all hours between dark and midnight, and frequently later. This is a nightly occurrence, a nuisance at all times, but especially so when there is sickness in families. People who live on that street have an idea that they should not be subjected to such ordeals.

Death of Mrs. Farrow.

The STAR regrets to announce the death of Mrs. Annie J. Farrow, wife of Mr. N. M. Farrow, which took place at once o'clock yesterday at their residence. The funeral will be conducted at ten o'clock this morning from the Church of the Good Shepherd. An invitation is extended to friends and acquaintances to attend. After the funeral the remains will be taken to Masonboro Sound for interment.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. J. J. Adkins, of Southport, was here yesterday.

— Mr. U. M. Robinson has returned to the city.

— Prof. M. C. S. Noble has returned from Raleigh.

— Mr. Simon W. Sanders has been suffering with la grippe.

— Mr. S. H. Strange, of Fayetteville, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. G. Bule, of Red Springs, was noted among yesterday's arrivals.

— Messrs. C. G. Smith and J. L. Pinner, of Southport, arrived last evening.

— Mr. Neill McKinnon greets his customers again after a severe attack of "grip."

— Mr. A. R. Sloan, registering from Chinquepin, N. C., was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. E. C. Rankin, of the Southern Railway, was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. Tom. C. Daniel, of the Newbern Fair, was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. W. H. Wigton, of the Cummock Coal Mining Company, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. E. G. Mills, of Whiteville, brother of Mr. F. T. Mills, of this city, was on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. G. M. Murrill, whom the weekly STAR numbers among its readers at Cronly, called yesterday.

— Mr. G. A. Hough, editor of the *Vidette*, published at Rutherfordton, was a visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. Murray Forbes, of Portsmouth, and one of the officials of the Seaboard Air Line, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. R. N. Summersill, a well-known citizen and business man of Jacksonvill, N. C., was a caller at this office yesterday.

— Among the arrivals yesterday were Mr. W. W. Briscoe, N. C.; Mr. Jas. S. King, Hampstead; Mr. D. L. Dobson, Hallsville; Mr. Lee Simpson, Point Caswell.

— The STAR regrets that the condition of the eyes of Mr. Edward Borden, Train Dispatcher of the Atlantic Coast Line, are such that he had to leave for New York on Sunday night for an operation to be performed on them.

Body of a Drowned Man Picked Up—Probably That of One of the Men Lost on the "Try Me."

The body of a drowned man was picked up Sunday by Oscar Synes, a Scandinavian light-tender, living near Walden Creek. This is the report that Edward Green, colored, master of the *Rice Bird*, brings. It is probable that the body is that of Lockherd or Simpson, supposed to have been lost on the *Try Me*, though of which of the two it has not yet been learned.

The *Try Me* probably sank on Thursday night. Two fishermen heard cries for help on that night and hastened to the rescue, but could neither see nor hear anything more from the persons uttering the cries.

The boat will be raised to-day, when the body of the other man may be found.

Joint Session of the Produce Exchange and Chamber of Commerce To-day at 12 M.

The Produce Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce will meet in a joint session to-day at 12 o'clock at McRae Hall. These two bodies will assemble to take action over the retirement from active service of Gen. William Price Craighill, Chief of the Engineers Corps of the United States.

At the last meeting of the Produce Exchange it was resolved to take action over the retirement of Gen. Craighill, and the Chamber of Chamber was invited to meet in joint session with them. The Chamber accepted the invitation and extended to the Exchange their hall to be used as the meeting place, which was also accepted.

Magistrate's Court.

Two cases were disposed of in Justice Bunting's court yesterday. Jim Spicer, colored, was arraigned, charged with stealing sixty-one cross-ties. He was adjudged not guilty and therefore discharged from custody.

Ida Holloman, colored, was placed under a bond of $50 for her appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court to stand trial for false pretence.

In "Squire" McGowan's temple of justice Jas. Davis, colored, charged with stealing lead from Messrs. Powers, Gibbs & Co., was committed to jail in default of a $90 justified bond, to await the action of the Criminal Court.

Out-of-Town Merchants.

Yesterday was a fine, bright day and country merchants are not usually kept very busy at their own places of business as early in the week as Tuesday, so there was quite a number of them in this city conferring with our wholesale merchants, among them being Mr. B. M. Harrelson, Clarendon; Mr. T. H. Hales, Elizabethtown; Mr. C. F. Southerland, St. Phillips; Mr. A. L. Bullock, Alfordsville; Mr. C. M. Brown, Wallace, and Mr. W. J. Mallard, Hampstead.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

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ANOTHER SPLENDID PRESENTATION.

The Story of "The Scottish Reformation"—Historical Scenes and Characters—Reproduced by Home Talent with Another Marvelous Success Before a Large Audience.

On Monday night and last night at the Opera House a most effective combination of tableaux, dialogue and melody, all set in an artistic grouping of realistic and historical views, showing forth the manners and costumes of Mary, Queen of Scott's time, and the story of that most remarkable period in the world's history, "The Scottish Reformation," were presented to large audiences.

The arrangement of the story offered much dramatic and artistic action, and lightened at intervals by good musical displayed and humor, which heightened the effect of the story, and gave much delight to the vast audience, who in return showed their due appreciation of the acting and singing by good rounds of encores and hearty cheering.

The principals in the different casts enacted their parts to perfection and too much praise cannot be given to our already famous talent (with our City by the Sea) for the manner in which they have dropped the duties of business and home to devote their time in the preparation of this most remarkable entertainment, "thus crowning their efforts with success." No one save a participant in the "Scottish Reformation" can realize the vast amount of labor and time required by the young men and young ladies in practicing their parts in order that Wilmington may still retain her reputation for having the most skilled and superb amateur actors, the most gracious and melodious singers and musicians of rare merits within the Southland. Surely Wilmington has all reason to feel proud of all her amateur perfarmances, and most of all the Scottish Reformation. As we gave in our last issue a detailed description of the Scottish Reformation, we will conclude by remarking that too much praise cannot be given to the ladies who composed the committee of arrangements, for without their untiring zeal and most persistent efforts to make the story of Knox and Mary Stuart, the Queen of the Scots, a sure success, Wilmington could not boast of such a fine and successful amateur performance. And the ladies have the satisfaction of knowing that their labors have been appreciated by the Wilmingtonians, for their appreciation was demonstrated by a large and appreciative audience.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington postoffice February 10, 1897:

LADIES' LIST.

A—Mrs Annatisdale. B—Miss Arry Brown, Mrs M L Bary, Miss Burnette, E—Miss Laura Elliott. F—Miss Julia Fox, Miss Mamie Fields. G—Miss Mary C. Gilbert. H—Mary Houston, Miss Marie Heuth, Mrs Sallie P Hines. J—Mrs Samuel Jenkins. M—Miss Fannie McRae, Mrs Lucea Middleton, Miss Kate McNeill, Mrs Nancy Moore. R—Mrs J R Robertson. S—Miss Emily Rupe Smeadley, Miss Mary E Smith. W—Miss Delia Waddell, Mrs James Williams, Mrs Kate Williams, Miss Mary B Williams, Salie Wilson.

MEN'S LIST.

A—Carter Arrington. B—Herbert L Beach, George B Burgess. E—J R Eakin. G—J W Gamble. H—Sam Hennighty, William Howard. J—E R Jenkins J H Johnson, W T Johnson. K—Jas Kelly. M—J D McRae, care of O J Bether, Dave Moore, Walton McBride. P—F M Paget, Kirk Persons. R—Stuart Robinson, Receiver of B F & O R R. S—J W Smith, John Seaman, Pinkey Smith, Rosetta Shedard. W—Y W Williams.

FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

H P Bazell, Jessie L Hughes, Miss Ann M Jordan, Maria Mitchell, D Phillips Georgiana Shelton, John Smith, Silvester Williams.

HOTEL LETTERS.

Harry Allen, B B Barden, Jones L. Comstock, Jas R Hardaway, Geo P Hart, W O Jackson, P H Load, Jr, I S McIntyre, C C Ruggles 2 E A Sodding, W Scott, Wm W Thurston, Charles E Uilon, C T Walker, Jr, W E White.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—56 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—343 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 6 bbls rosin, 23 bbls tar, 11 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—31 bbls tar, 25 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—26 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 18 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—34 bales cotton, 180 bbls rosin, 60 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 859 bales; spirits turpentine, 16 casks; rosin, 186 bbls; tar, 126 bbls; crude turpentine, 86 bbls.

Three Clearances Yesterday.

The schooner *Wm. Linthicum*, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co., cleared from this port yesterday for New York with a cargo of 198,487 feet of rough and dressed lumber from the Hilton Lumber Company.

Messrs. J. T. Riley & Co. cleared the Norwegian barque *Flora* with a cargo of 1,511,680 gallons of rosin, valued at $9,058.15, from Matt. J. Heyer to Stettin, Germany.

The schooner *Morancy*, also from J. T. Riley & Co., cleared with 192 991 feet of lumber, valued at $2,942.76, from Edward Kidder's Son to Macoris, San Domingo.

Series of Meetings.

An invitation has been extended by the pastor and the official board of Grace Methodist E. Church of this city, to Rev. W. M. Leftwich, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., to hold a series of meetings at their Church. Dr. Leftwich has accepted the invitation and is expected to hold this series of meetings commencing on the 18th day of April.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE

To Provide That Authority to Collect Arrears of Taxes Shall Cease Two Years and Three Months From March 2d, 1895—To Prevent Fishing with Wire Nets in the Cape Fear River Below Wilmington.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 9.—Bills were introduced in the House:

To repeal law establishing the true meridian in various counties, for correct retracing of surveys.

To require deeds in trust and mortgages to be cancelled off the record within ten days after payment.

To provide that authority to collect arrears of taxes shall cease two years and three months from March 2, 1895.

To amend chapter 16, section 601, of the Code, providing that nothing in the chapter shall empower corporations to lease, run, manage or control any railway already built or which may be constructed hereafter.

To appropriate annually $2,000 to the colored Normal school at Elizabeth City.

To amend the law regarding fertilizers by providing that if the analysis show the presence of deleterious materials publication shall be made and such fertilizers be seized.

The bill making it a misdemeanor to interrupt a public speaking, punishable by a fine not to exceed $50 and imprisonment thirty days, passed all readings, the Democrats voting solidly no. An amendment to make speakers indictable for vulgarity was voted down by the Republicans. There was a long debate, exhausting the greater part of the session.

A resolution placing in the hands of the Governor $1,000 to be appropriated to the erection of a statue of George Peabody in Statuary Hall, Washington, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to restore to the State the management of the affairs of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway (Hancock's bill) was made the special order for to-morrow.

Senate bills were introduced:

To regulate the sale of animal food.

To incorporate the Winston-Salem & South Bend Railroad.

To provide public schools.

To prevent the hiring of convicts in competition of free labor.

To pension ex-slaves who served in the Confederacy.

To regulate the fees of sheriffs and registrars of deeds.

To regulate the practice of medicine in the State.

To prevent fishing with wire nets in the Cape Fear river below Wilmington.

To incorporate the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of the domain of North Carolina.

Instructing the Treasurer to report whether any unpaid construction bonds of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad remain in his office.

On motion, the Clark special investigating committee, consisting of Messrs. Clark, McCarthy and Parker, to investigate the charge made by Enrolling Clerk Swinton that fifteen hundred dollars were expended in his office for work which should not have been more than six dollars.

A bill to amend the stock law in Wayne county came back from the House with an amendment providing that the matter be left to qualified voters. On motion of Mr. Grant, the Senate refused to concur. The bill was referred back to the House asking that the amendment be withdrawn.

A resolution was passed requesting the treasurer to furnish information whether the penitentiary was self-sustaining.

A bill procurring and distributing dead bodies for the promotion of medical science was introduced at the request of the University. Referred until to-morrow.

Enrolling Clerk Swinson appeared before the Senate Committee this evening and he admitted that he appointed his son as laborer, turning out a negro. It also developed that he appointed several clerks not named by the caucus. Great extravagancee was shown in conducting the office. The committee will recommend the ousting of Swinson. The Senate will depose him to-morrow.

A small colored boy was found smothered to death in cotton seed at the oil mill this morning. The boy was named William Atkinson and supposed to have come from Rockingham.

The Republican caucus to-night adopted a conference report of the Republicans and bolters committees as to the division of offices. The vote was unanimous.

The committee report also provided for the appointment of steering committees in each House to take charge of all bills and arrange the calendar. Takes educational institutions out of the hands of the Legislature and gives the Governor the power of appoining directors. In division of offices there is not one hundred dollars difference in favor of either party.

Maj. Grant said to-night that no nominations will be made for offices until all necessary legislation is enacted.

Mr. Reinhardt demanded the penitentiary of the Republicans last night, and threatened the committee. He said Pritchard promised him the penitentiary. He will make public this statement. All minority Populists has forsaken Reinnardt. Their caucus will ratify the committee's report.

The minority Populists and Republicans have two majority in the Senate.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

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RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL HAS APPOINTED TWO DEMOCRATS, ONE REPUBLICAN AND ONE LADY.

Major Grant Received Assurances From Leading Senators That He Would be Elected Sergeant-at-Arms—Hads, and Pops. Fixing to Decapitate Swinson in the Senate.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 9.

Governor Russell has appointed two Democrats, one Republican and one lady up to date. This does not seem to be the Russell we heard so much of in the campaign.

Maj. Grant came back from Washington last evening, where he went on a flying trip. Maj Grant received assurances from leading Senators that he would be elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate. He says the Republicans will easily control the Senate.

Maj Grant brings news of the serious illness of Senator Pritchard. The Senator is a very sick man and yesterday was removed to a private institution. No one in Washington knows where he is save his Secretary, Hyams. Senator Pritchard is suffering from nervous prostration and an affection of the heart. His physicians say that his heart trouble is not organic and that as soon as he gets complete rest he will not be bothered further.

The Rads and Pops are fixing to decapitate Swinson in the Senate this morning. The vote promises to be a very close one.

The young people of the Baptist denomination meet here to-night in State convention. Rev. R. T. Vann will preach the introductory sermon.

Secretary Thompson has been requested to have a magistrate appointed in Clay county, who can read and write, and who is not related to any other Justice of the Peace. The Clay citizen informed the Secretary of State that such an appointment is badly needed.

The Republicans are beginning to get uneasy. Here it is the 10th of the month and no Democrats turned out yet. There is a great cry of for relief. There is a great army of pie hunters here. Joe Wood said this morning that they reminded him of a goose in many respects. "A goose," said Joe, "will sit by a hole in the fence, if she can't get through, until she gets small enough to crawl through."

Josh Billings Said?

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DIED.

FARROW—Mrs. N. M. FARROW, yesterday at 1 p. m., aged 30 years, 11 months and 19 days. Funeral this morning at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, at 10 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. Interment at Masonboro Sound.

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Executor's Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX OF the last will and testament of Stacy VanAmringe, deceased, on the 8th day of January, 1897, I hereby notify all persons indebted to my said testator to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me on or before the 22nd day of January, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This the 21st day of January, 1897.

MARY F. VANAMRINGE, Executrix.

jan 22 1m

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 10, 1897

THE HOME MARKET.

One of the standing fakes of the high tariff protectionist has been the "home market." That is what he has played on the farmers to secure their votes for the party which declared for protection, and he has played it successfully, too, for there are thousands of farmers in this country who have been and still are deluded into the belief that when they vote for the policy which enables the protected manufacturer to levy tribute upon them, they are voting to build up great home markets where they will find ready sale at fine prices, for all they raise. Of course the more cities there are, the larger and more populous they are, the more people there are to be fed, and the more will be required to feed them. These home markets benefit the farmer, but it will not do to assume that the increase in number, in size and in population of these cities depends upon protective tariffs, for our cities have continued to increase in number, size and population regardless of the amount of protection given to manufacturers or whether there was any given.

We are not disposed to underrate the value of the home market, and wish it were large enough to consume everything the farmer raises to sell, but we object to playing the home market racket on the farmer and making him believe that without a high protective tariff he wouldn't have any home market. Admitting all that can be said for the home market and passing over the absurd claims that are made for it, it the American farmers were dependent upon the home market he would be in a bad fix, when we see how little he has to feel merry over when he has both the home and foreign market, or at least as much of the foreign market as the protective policy and other influencing causes have left him. The only way the home market could consume the products of the American farmer would be by largely stimulating immigration and keeping down production until there were mouths enough to eat all that was produced. But it will be many a year before this country becomes so populous that there will be no surplus farm products for export, and we sincerely trust that that day may never come. One China is enough for this earth.

Since, then, the American farmer is dependent upon other countries to take his surplus, isn't it to his interest to have as few impediments as possible put in the way of trade between this country and those countries that he sells his surplus products in? The price of what he sells at home, in the "home market," is governed by the price paid for what is exported. The higher the export price, the higher the price he gets for what he sells at home. If legislation handicaps him in trading with other countries, decreases the demand for what he has to sell, and stimulates competition in other countries which produce some or all of the products on which he depends, he must drive the best bargains he can and be satisfied with the prices he can get, and be glad to get a low price rather than let his surplus rot on his hands. Every impediment put in the way of unrestricted trade between the American farmers and European consumers of their products cuts down the price of what they have to sell, and stimulates competition that our farmers find it difficult with a protective tariff in the way to cope with, especially when this protective tariff is coupled with a monetary system that puts the American producers absolutely in the power of the great money controllers of this and other countries.

In all the period of falling prices—from 1873 to 1896—we have had what is called a protective tariff, that is a tariff under cover of which the protected producers, whether manufacturers or others, could put up their prices, and being protected from foreign competition put their own prices on their own products and make American purchasers pay their prices. This is the essence of protection. it is destructive of competion, which by putting obstacles in the way of the importation of foreign goods gives the American producer a monopoly of the home market with the privilege of making his own prices. It doesn't say much for the intelligence of the farmer (who isn't a large raiser of some specialty which comes in for protection) who can see any benefit to him in the policy which cuts him off from foreign markets (save when they are forced to buy from him), and enables the manufacturer, for whose benefit the high tariffs are framed, to exact heavy tribute from him regardless of the price of his products in the home market or in foreign markets.

According to a recent census taken by the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor, 1,700,000 out of the 2,500,000 persons in that State are foreigners, or children of foreign born parents Compared with the census of 1890, this shows that the foreign element is increasing rapidly and steadily, and that Massachusetts is ceasing to be a Yankee State.

MINOR MENTION.

The *Engineering and Mining Journal* gives the following figures of production of gold for the world in 1895 and 1896:

	1896.	1895.
United States	$57 000 000	$46 830 000
Africa	45 250 000	44 515 000
Australia	43.710.000	42 795 000
Russia	31.610 000	31.780 000
Mexico	6 990 000	5.600,000
India	6 000.000	4.800 000
China	5.170 000	4.650.000
Colombia	3.100 000	3.185 000
Brazil	2 480 000	2,230 000
Germany	2,390 000	2 355.000
Guiana (British)	2.185 000	2,170.000
Guiana (French)	1,875 000	1,865.000
Austria-Hungary	1.870 000	1.880,000
Other countries	8,920,000	6,270,000
	$218 500,000	201.105,000

This is about $5,500,000 more than the Director of the U. S. Mint makes it, but the difference is not very material, especially as the calculations of both are in some cases based on estimates where it isn't practicable to get definite and reliable returns. This gives us for the world an output of something less than $220,000,000, at least one-third of which will be necessary for use in the arts, leaving about $150,000,000 for coinage purposes, assuming that it will be used in that way. But only the smaller part of it will be used in that way, most of it going into the vaults as bullion, in which form it answers the purpose of those who have use for it. It adds to the world's stock of gold, but very little of it goes into circulation. But this production is pointed to by the gold advocates as proof that there is gold enough now being produced to answer the world's demand for money, and therefore there is no need for the coinage of silver, the metallic money that does circulate the world over.

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There seems to be some opposition in this State to continuing the State Geological Surveys, and there is also in other States, but there is really no department of the State service which pays the State better for keeping it up and fully equipping it to make it thoroughly useful. North Carolina is a great mineral State and few have any conception of the extent and richness of her mineral deposits. We have had geological surveys confined to limited areas, but they left more undiscovered and left an immense amount of work for others to do. Speaking of the importance and value of these savings the Macon, Ga., *Telegraph* has the following, which is sensible and to the point:

"The North Carolina Legislature is showing a disposition to abolish the office of State Geologist. This would be a short sighted policy indeed. There is no Southern State to which the maintenance of this office is not absolutely essential to its material development. It is true these States are not new in the sense that those of the far West are new, but there is not one of them whose resources have been fully discovered. Each includes vast stretches of almost primeval wilderness, the wealth of whose hills and valleys is still awaiting the prying eyes of the geologist. The mineral resources of the South were comparatively undreamed of twenty-five years ago, and it is absurd to hold that in so short a period of time complete information has been obtained as to geological structures and formations. We do not know what we own by any means, and it will be the work of many years before we are entirely informed, through the aid of painstaking geologists, as to the actual magnificence of our estate. The chances are that within the next twenty-five years we will find that what we know of the South to-day is inconsequential as compared with what we shall then know. I has been only within the last twelve months that the people of Tennessee and Kentucky were made aware that they enjoyed the possession of oil-bearing lands sufficiently rich to make their product a factor in the world's supply of the fluid. We have no doubt that each year will bring the evidence of similar discoveries in other Southern States. To facilitate this work the maintenance of the geological surveys is absolutely essential."

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The bill empowering the Governor to convene special courts for the trial of criminal cases is a movement in the right direction, and if carried out will materially reduce the number of lynchings in this State. It was the law's delay, the tardiness of punishment or the failure to punish, that encouraged crime and provoked the people to take the law into their own hands in self defence. When courts can be speedily convened and the people feel assured of the prompt trial of persons charged with criminal acts, they will wait for the justice that comes through the channel of the courts. The people do not take the law into their own hands to punish the guilty because they enjoy killing criminals, but because they feel that there is a necessity for prompt action to inspire society and protect terror. When the courts do this there will be neither provocation nor justification for people to anticipate the courts and take the law into their own hands.

—Concord *Standard*: Mr. and Mrs. Howard live near Mocksville but are both sick of pneumonia. A neighbor, Mrs. Jackson, kindly took their infant and little seven-year old girl to take care of while they are sick. On taking them home they had to cross a swollen stream. Mrs. Jackson directed the little girl to wait till she carried the babe over, but on looking round she found the little girl coming after her, who, becoming frightened, grasped Mrs. Jackson and all lost their balance and fell into the stream. Mrs. Jackson succeeded in saving the infant, but the little girl was drowned. The terrible news is withheld for fear of fatal effects on the sick parents.

Experience proves the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures all forms of blood diseases, tones the stomach, builds up the nerves. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Hickory *Times*: The Catawba river was frozen over for three or four days during the cold spell of the past week. We learn that the ice reached a thickness of about two inches.

— Lexington *Dispatch*: Esquire Elias P. May, one of the oldest and best citizens of the county, died at his home in Conrad Hill township last Saturday at the advanced age of 78 years.

— Louisburg *Times*: The editor regrets to learn of the death of Mr. S. Foster, of Hayesville township, which occurred on the 2d instant. He was a young man of prominence in his community and will be greatly missed.

— Shelby *Aurora*: On last Monnay Mr. James Hipp, living at Lauraglenn Mills became somewhat deranged aver the condition of his little son, who was hurt in the mill last week and attempted to take his life by cutting his throat. He made a wound that may prove fatal.

— Wilksboro *Chronicle*: They are working night and day at the Henderson gold mine, down the river. Mr. Henderson received instructions from the company last week to put on day and night forcef and complete the tunnel as fast as possible. He is looking for some of the company to come in a few days and take charge of the work. There is no doubt that the mine is rich and will pay well.

— Newbern *Journal*: Mr. Cicero Bell, aged 73 years, died at his home at Beaufort Monday. Mr. Bell had been suffering from La Grippe for some time. —— The sad intelligence was received here yesterday of the death of Miss Maud Blount, aged 16 years, daughter of Major Sharpe Blount, of Grifton, N. C. Miss Blount was taken sick last Wednesday with hemorrhagic fever, and died on Saturday.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Gov. Bushnell may appoint that Ohio person of the name of Jones to the United States Senate, but when it comes to handing out the patronage, the wise Ohio man will see Hanna and not waste any time on Jones.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— Dr. Rainsford tells the rich people of New York that they should so order their lives as to make themselves accessible to their poorer neighbors so that when troublesome times comes hands cheerily will clasp hands across gulfs that at present are inexcusably wide and deep.—*Richmond State, Dem.*

—— A fine echo of Maine liquor legislation may be found in the new tariff revision in the prohibitory duty on Canadian barley. The Republican members of the committee doubtless think that rice and glucose are good enough materials of beer for lewd American consumers.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

—— The Department of Agriculture, in the estimate it has just published, puts the total American corn crop last year at 2,283,000,000 bushels, which is well above the immense crops of 1889, 1891 and 1895. Large quantities of this crop are still unmarketed, though the people of India are dying of famine by thousands every week.—*New York World, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— She—All men are conceited.
He—Not all. I see a man every day who is not conceited.
She—Where?
He—In the mirror.—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Saved: "Yes," mused the returned Arctic explorer, "at one time we came within one of freezing to death. Luckily, however,"—he gazed reflectively at the ceiling—"we had presence of mind to fall into a heated discussion. Yes."—*New York Press.*

— The Secret of It: Kitty—"How do you keep your dress skirts so beautifully neat and free from mud?"
Dolly—"I wear pretty silk petticoats."—*New York World.*

—A Great Success: "I am writing a play which cannot fail to be a great success," said Foyer.
"What is the chief feature"
"In the last act the comedian who has perpetrated all the chestnuts dies a miserable death."—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.*

— "Don't you want to get into this National Encyclopedia of Prominent People—cost you only $35?"
"No, sir; don't like the way it is run—look at George Washington and John Quincy Adams getting in for nothing."—*Chicago Record.*

— Very Polite—"Our new neighbors are very polite," said Mrs. Perkasie to her husband when he came home at night.
"Are they?"
"Yes; I sent to borrow their stepladder and they told me they hadn't one, but if I'd wait awhile they'd send and buy one."—*Harper's Bazar.*

—"Well, my dear," said Mr. Proudwife, "did you have a successful meeting of your club this afternoon?"
"Oh, yes indeed," said she enthusiastically, "we did just like the men—passed resolutions that we were real sorry for Cuba, and that the Turks are just as mean and hateful as can be!"—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

—"It seems to me," said the kicker as he entered the rather small smoking compartment, "that the company provids very limited accommedations for smoker." "But this, you know, is the limited express, sir," replied the Conductor.—*Philadelphia North American.*

—"Look here," said the irate departing guest from a Florida winter resort, "when I came here you told me that the charge would be $3 a day. Now you present a bill for $36 for six days! How do you figure that out?" replied the clerk The rate is $3 a day and the same per night. You were here at night also, were on not?"—*Pitsburg Cdronicle-Telegaph.*

Kruger's Ways.

Many tales are told of the delightful simplicity of President Kruger of the Transvaal republic. After an interview with him, an English missionary asked Dr. Leyds, the secretary of state, if the president really knew no English. "If you are praising him or speaking well of the Transvaal, he knows no English," said the doctor, "but if you are speaking ill of him or saying anything against the Transvaal, he knows every word you say." He once consented to open a Hebrew synagogue in Johannesburg and closed an address with these words: "And so I consecrate this building to the worship of the triune God." This almost created a split in the congregation, many thinking the temple had been desecrated.

"MENTAL STATUS" CRANK.

He Found That the Woman's Club Was Not All Bachelor Maids.

It happened, once upon a time, that a very intelligent man was asked to speak upon a certain subject in a woman's club of high grade. He never felt so complimented in all his life; but, manlike, he chose to act as if it was an ordinary, everyday affair. The day came, and the lecture was a model of everything clear and scholarly. It was justly the cause of many warm congratulations from the clubwomen, and a number of them were presented to him. In commenting upon the occasion to a party of men a few nights after, the lecturer took occasion to compliment the clubwomen and added the remark that if such a fine and intellectual body of women would turn their thoughts to matrimony, family duties and to raising up a family the next generation could not fail to be a race of mental giants. This so tickled the ears of some one present that he could not help telling it to his wife.

"So he takes women's clubs to be entirely composed of bachelor maids, does he?" quoth she. "He must be enlightened or he will make a goose of himself in a public way."

A short time after the gentleman in question received an invitation to a "social occasion" at the woman's club. As he was a widower, he embraced the opportunity to meet so many fine women with many pleased emotions. The clubhouse was all ablaze with light and merriment when he arrived, but the social occasion was surely a children's party. There were gay little groups and nurses and mothers about, all very animated, and there seemed to be a large joke in the atmosphere somehow. He was greeted with great effusion and made the guest of honor.

"I did not know the club was so much interested in children," he ventured to remark after a time.

Then the explosion came.

"Oh, Mr. D., we could not resist the temptation of showing off to you the coming 'mental giants.' These are all the children and grandchildren of the club members. We are very proud of your kind remark."

Then the nurses and the "mental giants" were dismissed, and the occasion became the usual "feast of reason and flow of soul." When the guest felt in his overcoat pocket the next day, he found statistics which showed him that to the 71 members of the club belonged 154 children, including 7 pairs of twins, 30 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He is not bothering himself at present about the "mental status" of the next generation.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Musical Instrument Strings.

The fact appears that, even at this late day, the Neapolitan provinces maintain their superiority in the production of strings for musical instruments, and, as formerly and from time immemorial, the greatest care and dexterity are required on the part of the workmen. It is said that the treble strings are particularly difficult to make and are peculiar to Naples, as the Neapolitan sheep, from their small size and leanness, afford the best raw material. The small intestines are used for this purpose and are first very carefully scraped, then steeped in alkaline lyes and clarified with a little alum for four or five days, until well bleached and swollen. They are next drawn through an open brass thimble and pressed against it with the nail in order to smooth and equalize the surface, after which they are washed, spun or twisted and sulphured during two hours, being finally polished by friction and dried. Sometimes they are sulphured twice or thrice before being dried and are polished between horsehair cords. These strings are noted for their strength, transparency, brilliancy and clearness of tone, and, besides Naples, the industry is carried on in various other Italian localities — namely, Gobbio, Foligno, Bologna, Venice, Verona and Bassano.

Prepared For Her.

She stood at the telegraph window counting words and letters on her fingers.

"It makes me so mad," she remarked to the woman with her, "that the horrid old company won't let one send more than ten words for a quarter. It's a shame. But I am going to get even. I'm making up a telegram out of the longest words I know."

Then she laboriously counted several more words and triumphantly shoved the message with her silver piece through the grating.

"Fifty-five cents, please," remarked the man on the inside.

"What!" she screamed. "There are only ten words."

"Yes'm, but words of over ten letters are counted as two," said he.

And then she rewrote the message in words of one syllable.—New York Journal.

Circumventing Him.

"Why did you ask Snooper for a loan of $5? You know he never has any money to lend, while he is always borrowing."

"That's the very reason I asked him. I heard him try to work Fosdick for a tenner, and I knew he'd strike me next if I didn't defend myself."—Detroit Free Press.

Historians tell us that the first English marquis was created by Richard II, who bestowed the title upon his favorite, Robert de Vere, in 1386.

Family Plate

handed down from generation to generation, becomes a matter of family pride—the more noted the maker, the more noted the plate. It is, therefore, a gracious and a kindly thing to do, in buying Silver for this purpose, to see that it bears the stampof the most famous silversmiths of the present century—the GORHAM trade-mark:

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Too good for Dry Goods Stores—Jewelers only.

HE ASKED FOR BUTTERMILK.

And the Weary Waiter Lived Over Again the Joys of the Farm.

"How's the buttermilk?" asked the tired man, and the weary waiter looked the ennui he felt as he answered:

"Churned fresh every hour."

"Well, now, give me a glass from the last hour, and let her be full," said the tired man. Then he unfolded the midnight edition, smiling as if memories haunted him, and never seeing a line of all the black type which tried to startle sated humanity. He was thinking of buttermilk fresh from the churn, and the big, staring headlines were as blank paper before him. The weary waiter disturbed his reveries.

"Buttermilk's all out, sir."

He said the "sir" as one who follows a vacant form and meant nothing by it.

"I'm sorry," said the tired man, taking coffee and a sandwich, of course, and still conjuring up pictures of the country.

"Great thing when you're tired," said he, smiling and looking past the weary waiter and the coffee urn and the blank wall beyond. "La! I can hear the soft chug of the churn dasher yet when the butter is coming. Gets lighter then and splashes inside, and the yellow drifts wash down from the hollows in the lid, and you hit twice half way and once clear down, and—butter's come."

The weary waiter smiled without releasing his stare at the street, silent in midnight darkness.

"And they put the buttermilk down in the springhouse in a great big jar, and the water swishes around it, and there's a board on top, with a stone to keep it down. And Sunday morning you curry the horses and turn them out on the clover pasture, and dive off the bank in the river and take a wash, and put on a clean hickory shirt and your Sunday clothes, and lay down in the shade of the apple tree in the long, soft grass and catch the wind from the woods and the music of the cow bells far away—and then you think of the buttermilk."

"That's right," said the weary waiter as he rearranged the sugar bowl and spoon holder.

"And you go down and dip it up with a big tin cup and drink it in great big swallows, and the other boys come in and we all sit there and drink and talk of the tough times we are having and chatter about the girls and josh each other about going home with them from meeting, and after awhile dinner is ready, and we go in and eat fried chicken and mashed potatoes and biscuits and custard pie"—

"U-m-m!" said the weary waiter fervently.

"And then again along in the afternoon," resumed the tired man, "we get out there when the sun is down, and we have another cupful, and the whippoorwill is booming from some place up in the clouds, and the katydid is telling of the frost just six weeks ahead, and the cattle are standing along the barnyard fence, with the smell of fresh milk in the mellow air, and the tin cup has yellow flecks all over the sides, and we fill it again and drink"—

"Or in the harvest field," said the weary waiter.

"Yes, when the women folks send it out in a jug, with a slab of gingerbread, in the long forenoon, and we take great swallows"—

"And sweat"—

"And sweat and buckle down with the cradle and the rake and set up a shock to shade the buttermilk"—

"And a rain comes up, and we run for the barn." The weary waiter stood erect and smiled delightedly.

"Ah, yes! Ah, yes! That was life, after all."

The tired man took his check to the desk and waited outside for an owl car to come along, but all the time he was thinking of that mellow nectar which mingles the acids and sweets of rural ecstasy, and all the tired insistence of his journey home could not impress the city's hopelessness upon him.—Chicago Times Herald.

Greek Chariot Races.

The chariot races, like those of the Roman circus, imitated from the Greek, were of striking interest. There was scarcely any honor of the games more glorious than the charioteer's victory, especially if the owner drove his own horses. The danger to life and limb undergone by the charioteer was not less than that risked by the athelete in boxing with the cestus or in the pancratium. The vivid chapter in "Ben-Hur" depicting the chances and perils of a chariot race essentially the same as that of the Olympio games gives an excellent notion of such a contest.—G. T. Ferris in St. Nicholas.

Willing to Oblige.

The investigators whose names appear in the newspapers in connection with Roentgen ray experiments are a good deal bothered by applications from people who imagine they have bullets or other unpleasant foreign substances in various parts of their anatomy. The story goes that not long ago a certain local scientist received the following letter: "Dear Sir—I have had a bullet in my thorax for seven years. I am too busy to go to Cleveland, but hope you will be able to come down here and locate the bullet, as I am sure the case is worth your while. If you can't come yourself, send your apparatus, and I will get one of the doctors here to use it. Yours truly." Here is the local man's reply: "Dear Sir—Very sorry I cannot find time to visit you, nor will I be able to send my apparatus. If you can't come to Cleveland yourself, send me your thorax by express, and I will do the best I can with you. Yours truly."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Consolatory.

A correspondent of The Westminster Gazette tells how some one visited a wild beast show and saw a countryman come in bearing unmistakable signs of having had a glass too much. A tiger scratched the back of the hand with which the man grasped a bar of the cage. The laceration was severe, and the pain was great. The sufferer danced about and twirled his shillalah, crying: "Let him out! Let him out till I have me will av him!" A companion tried to soothe the irate dancer with this neat impromptu: "Never mind, Pat. Sure, he only wanted to scrape acquaintance wid ye."

Hostilities.

"It's real mean," said the amazon indignantly. "There ought to be some sort of restriction to prevent such a thing in civilized warfare."

"What do you mean?"

"One of the scouts has just come in. She reports that the enemy is making arrangements to use trained mice."—Detroit Tribune.

Bank

President Isaac Lewis of Sabina, Ohio, is highly respected all through that section. He has lived in Clinton Co. 75 years, and has been president of the Sabina Bank 20 years. He gladly testifies to the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and what he says is worthy attention. All brain workers find Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiarly adapted to their needs. It makes pure, rich, red blood, and from this comes nerve, mental, bodily and digestive strength.

"I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla is a very good medicine, especially as a blood purifier. It has done me good many times. For several years I suffered greatly with pains of

Neuralgia

in one eye and about my temples, especially at night when I had been having a hard day of physical and mental labor. I took many remedies, but found help only in Hood's Sarsaparilla which cured me of rheumatism, neuralgia and headache. Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved itself a true friend. I also take Hood's Pills to keep my bowels regular, and like the pills very much." ISAAC LEWIS, Sabina, Ohio.

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Hood's Pills are prompt, efficient and easy in effect. 25 cents.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13, 14.
Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.
Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.
Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.
Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.
Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.
Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.
Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.
Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.
Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.
Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standa d		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	4½@		5
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	4¾
BARRELS—spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each	1 30	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	
N rthern	19	@	22
CORN & MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	36	@	40
Virginia Meal	36	@	40
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	75
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE ℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	11	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	11	@	12½
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" 1 extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 25
Straights	4 75	@	5 00
First Patent	5 50	@	5 75
GLUE—℔ ℔	7@8		8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White	40	@	42½
Car load, in bags—White	37½@		39
Oats, from s ore	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	7
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Easter n		@	1 00
Western		@	95
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	4	@	4½
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½@		6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME ℔ barrel		@	1 15
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff reserved	18 00	@	2000
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	18 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	16 00	@	20 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hhds		@	28
" " in bbls		@	30
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	30
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	13	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg. Cut 60d basis		@	1 75
PORK, ℔ ℔ rel—			
City Mess	9 00	@	9 50
Rump		@	8 75
Prime		@	8 75
ROPE ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American		@	60
On 100 ℔ Sacks	60	@	60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	3 00	@	3 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Grans		@	4¾
Standard A		@	4¾
White Ex. C		@	4¾
Extra C, Golden	4	@	4¼
C Yellow		@	4¼
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	5½	@	7
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
" Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	4	@	4½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 9

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 26¼ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 26¼ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady. Hard 1 50, Soft 1 50 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm, 26¾@26¼c; rosin steady, $1 25, $1 30, tar steady, 90c; crude turpentine firm, $1 50, 1 90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	18
Rosin	186
Tar	126
Crude Turpentine	36

Receipts same day last year—77 casks spirits turpentine, 2,101 bbls rosin, 197 bbls tar, 35 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6¾c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4¾	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	5¾	" "
Low Middling	6¼	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	7 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7¾c.

Receipts—359 bales; same day last year 58.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime; 50@55c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 60c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 50@55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 40 to 43 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2 25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8 50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 9—Evening.—Money on call has been easy at 1¼@2 per cent; last loan at 1¼ per cent closing offered at 1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 3 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with the actual business in bankers bills at 484¾@485 for sixty days; 488¼@486¾ for demand. Commercial bills 483¾@484. Government bonds were steady; United States coupon fours 113¾; United States twos 95¼. State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 101; North Carolina sixes 122. Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 9—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7¼c.

Cotton futures closed quiet and steady; February 6 85, March 6 87, April 6 94 May 7 01, June 7 06, July 7 11 August 7 11, September 6 81, October 6 71, November 6 71, December 6 75. Sales 110,500 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 735 bales; gross 4 930 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,664 bales; to France — bales; to the Continent 100 bales; forwarded 339 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 300 bales; stock 981,818 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 23 606 bales; exports to Great Britain 22 429 bales; to France 4 605 bales; to the Continent 4 805 bales; stock 983 113 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 65,139 bales; exports to Great Britain 40,449 bales; to France 5,405 bales; to the Continent 35,945 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,678 346 bales; exports to Great Britain 3,898,511 bales; exports to France 518 329 bales; exports to the Continent 1,407,075 bales; to the Channel 5 481 bales.

Flour was dull, easy and unchanged; Southern flour was dull and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 30@3 60; good to choice $3 75@4 00. Wheat—spot dull and firm; No. 2 red free on board 93¼c; ungraded 74@74¼c; No. 1 Northern 88¾c; options opened weak and declined ¼@¾c, rallied ⅝@1c, fell ¼c and closed firm at ¼c over yesterday; No 2 red February 85c; March 86¼c May 83¼c; July 80c; September 77¾c. Corn—spot dull and easier; No. 2 29¾c at elevator and 30¾c afloat; options were dull and weak at ½c decline; February 28¾c. May 29¾c; July 30¾c. Oats—spot quiet but steady; options were dull, steady and unchanged; February 21¾c; May 21¾c; July 23¾c; spot prices—No. 2 21¼c. No 2 white 24c; mixed Western 21@23c. Lard quiet and stronger; Western steam $4 00, city $3 65, May $4 17, nominal; refined lard was dull; Continent $4 25; South America $4 60; compound $4 00@4 25 Pork steady and quiet; new mess $8 00@8 75. Butter—fancy firm, with a model ate demand; State dairy 10@19c. do creamery 18@20c; Elgins 21¼c Eggs quiet; State and Pennsylvania 15¼c; ice house, per case $3 00@3 30; Western fresh 15c; Southern 14@14¾c, timed 13½@13c. Cotton seed oil firm, with a better demand; crude 20c, yellow prime 28c Rice was firm, in fair demand and unchanged. Molasses quiet, steady and unchanged. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand picked 3¾c. Coffee quiet and 5 to 10 points down; February $9 15, March $9 30@9 35; May $9 30; June $9 30@9 35, July $9 35, August $9 40, September $9 40; January $9 55; spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7 $9 87½c. Sugar—raw dull but steady; fair refining 2¾c; refined unchanged.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Cash quotations: Flour was dull but steady at prices; hard wheat spring patents $4 15@4 40 in wood, soft wheat patents $3 90@4 10 hard wheat bakers' $3 75@3 85 in sacks; soft wheat bakers' $3 00@3 25; red wheat bakers' $1 30@1 35 in sacks; winter wheat $4 00@4 30 in wood Wheat—No. 2 spring 74¾@76¼c; No. 2 red 85¼@87½. Corn—No. 2 23¾@23¼. Oats—No. 2 16¼c. Mess pork $7 70@7 75. Lard $3 72½@3 75. Short rib sides, loose, $3 85@4 10 Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4

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Word that tells so clear a story
Of life and love and living glory
Like that sweet word,
So often heard
And yet so little known
Until into our soul life grown,
As that which names the precious one
Who only knows her duty done
When she has folded to her breast
Her offspring for a longed for guest;
She who has fought the prize to win
For a noble life and an entering in
Through the gates of heaven,
By promise given,
Of yielded life for life, of love for love,
For bringing blessings from above,
Lifting her offerings up on high,
Ready for them to do and die.
And this brief verse
Would fain rehearse
The virtues and the modest worth
Of the dearest one in all the earth,
Mother.
—Good Housekeeping.

HIS CHANCE IN LIFE.

Miss Vezzis came from across the border line to look after some children who belonged to a lady until a regularly ordained nurse could come out. The lady said Miss Vezzis was a bad, dirty nurse and inattentive. It never struck her that Miss Vezzis had her own life to lead and her own affairs to worry over, and that these affairs were the most important things in the world to Miss Vezzis. Very few mistresses admit this sort of reasoning. Miss Vezzis was as black as a boot, and to our standard of taste hideously ugly. She wore cotton print gowns and bulged shoes, and when she lost her temper with the children she abused them in the language of the border line—which is part English, part Portuguese and part native. She was not attractive, but she had her pride, and she preferred being called "Miss Vezzis."

Every Sunday she dressed herself wonderfully and went to see her mamma, who lived for the most part on an old cane chair in a greasy tussur silk dressing gown and a big rabbit warren of a house full of Vezzisses, Pereiras, Ribieras, Lisboas and Gonsalveses, and a floating population of loafers, besides fragments of the day's bazaar, garlic, stale incense, clothes thrown on the floor, petticoats hung on strings for screens, old bottles, pewter crucifixes, dried immortelles, pariah puppies, plaster images of the Virgin, and hats without crowns. Miss Vezzis drew 20 rupees a month for acting as nurse, and she squabbled weekly with her mamma as to the percentage to be given toward housekeeping.

When the quarrel was over, Michele d'Cruze used to shamble across the low mud wall of the compound and make love to Miss Vezzis after the fashion of the border line, which is hedged about with much ceremony. Michele was a poor, sickly weed and very black, but he had his pride. He would not be seen smoking a huqa for anything, and he looked down on natives as only a man with seven-eighths native blood in his veins can. The Vezzis family had their pride too. They traced their descent from a mythical plate layer who had worked on the Sone bridge when railways were new in India, and they valued their English origin. Michele was a telegraph signaler on 35 rupees a month. The fact that he was in government employ made Mrs. Vezzis lenient to the shortcomings of his ancestors.

There was a compromising legend—Dom Anna, the tailor, brought it from Poonani—that a black Jew of Cochin had once married into the D'Cruze family, while it was an open secret that an uncle of Mrs. d'Cruze was at that very time doing menial work connected with cooking for a club in southern India! He sent Mrs. d'Cruze 7 rupees 8 annas a month, but she felt the disgrace to the family very keenly all the same.

However, in the course of a few Sundays Mrs. Vezzis brought herself to overlook these blemishes and gave her consent to the marriage of her daughter with Michele, on condition that Michele should have at least 50 rupees a month to start married life upon. This wonderful prudence must have been a lingering touch of the mythical plate layer's Yorkshire blood, for across the border line people take a pride in marrying when they please—not when they can.

Having regard to his departmental prospects, Miss Vezzis might as well have asked Michele to go away and come back with the moon in his pocket. But Michele was deeply in love with Miss Vezzis, and that helped him to endure. He accompanied Miss Vezzis to mass one Sunday, and after mass, walking home through the hot stale dust with her hand in his, he swore by several saints—whose names would not interest you—never to forget Miss Vezzis, and she swore by her honor and the saints—the oath runs rather curiously, "In nomine sanctissimæ"—(whatever the name of the she saint is) and so forth, ending with a kiss on the forehead, a kiss on the left cheek, and a kiss on the mouth—never to forget Michele.

Next week Michele was transferred, and Miss Vezzis dropped tears upon the window sash of the "intermediate" compartment as he left the station.

If you look at the telegraph map of India, you will see a long line skirting the coast from Backergunge to Madras. Michele was ordered to Tibasu, a little suboffice one-third down this line, to send messages on from Berhampur to Chicacola, and to think of Miss Vezzis and his chances of getting 50 rupees a month out of office hours. He had the noise of the bay of Bengal and a Bengali baboo for company—nothing more. He sent foolish letters, with crosses tucked inside the flaps of the envelopes, to Miss Vezzis.

When he had been at Tibasu for nearly three weeks, his chance came.

Never forget that unless the outward and visible signs of our authority are always before a native he is as incapable as a child of understanding what authority means or where is the danger of disobeying it. Tibasu was a forgotten little place with a few Orissa Mohammedans in it. These, hearing nothing of the collector sahib for some time and heartily despising the Hindoo subjudge, arranged to start a little Mohurrum riot of their own. But the Hindoos turned out and broke their heads. When, finding lawlessness pleasant, Hindoos and Mohammedans together raised an aimless sort of Donnybrook just to see how far they could go. They looted each other's shops, and paid off private grudges in the regular way. It was a nasty little riot, but not worth putting in the newspapers.

Michele was working in his office when he heard the sound that a man never forgets all his life—the "ah yah!" of an angry crowd. (When that sound drops about three tones and changes to a thick, droning ut, the man who hears it had better go away if he is alone.) The native police inspector ran in and told Michele that the town was in an uproar and coming to wreck the telegraph office. The baboo put on his cap and quietly dropped out of the window, while the police inspector, afraid, but obeying the old race instinct, which recognizes a drop of white blood as far as it can be diluted, said, "What orders does the sahib give?"

The sahib decided Michele. Though horribly frightened, he felt that for the hour he, the man with the Cochin Jew and the menial uncle in his pedigree, was the only representative of English authority in the place. Then he thought of Miss Vezzis and the 50 rupees, and took the situation on himself. There were seven native policemen in Tibasu, and four crazy smoothbore muskets among them. All the men were gray with fear, but not beyond leading. Michele dropped the key of the telegraph instrument and went out at the head of his army to meet the mob. As the shouting crew came round a corner of the road he dropped and fired, the men behind him loosing instinctively at the same time.

The whole crowd—curs to the backbone—yelled and ran, leaving one man dead and another dying in the road. Michele was sweating with fear, but he kept his weakness under, and went down into the town past the house where the subjudge had barricaded himself. The streets were empty. Tibasu was more frightened than Michele, for the mob had been taken at the right time.

Michele returned to the telegraph office and sent a message to Chicacola asking for help. Before an answer came he received a deputation of the elders of Tibasu, telling him that the subjudge said his actions generally were "unconstitutional" and trying to bully him. But the heart of Michele d'Cruze was big and white in his breast because of his love for Miss Vezzis, the nursegirl and because he had tasted for the first time responsibility and success. Those two make an intoxicating drink, and have ruined more men than ever has whisky. Michele answered that the subjudge might say what he pleased, but until the assistant collector came the telegraph signaler was the government of India in Tibasu, and the elders of the town would be held accountable for further rioting. Then they bowed their heads and said, "Show mercy!" or words to that effect, and went back in great fear, each accusing the other of having begun the rioting.

Early in the dawn, after a night's patrol with his seven policemen, Michele went down the road, musket in hand, to meet the assistant collector who had ridden in to quell Tibasu. But in the presence of this young Englishman Michele felt himself slipping back more and more into the native, and the tale of the Tibasu riots ended, with the strain on the teller, in a hysterical outburst of tears, bred by sorrow that he had killed a man, shame that he could not feel as uplifted as he had felt through the night, and childish anger that his tongue could not do justice to his great deeds. It was the white drop in Michele's veins dying out, though he did not know it.

But the Englishman understood, and after he had schooled those men of Tibasu and had conferred with the subjudge till that excellent official turned green, he found time to draft an official letter describing the conduct of Michele, which letter filtered through the proper channels, and ended in the transfer of Michele up country once more on the imperial salary of 66 rupees a month.

So he and Miss Vezzis were married with great state and ancientry, and now there are several little D'Cruzes sprawling about the verandas of the central telegraph office.

But if the whole revenue of the department he serves were to be his reward, Michele could never, never repeat what he did at Tibasu for the sake of Miss Vezzis the nursegirl. Which proves that, when a man does good work out of all proportion to his pay, in seven cases out of nine there is a woman at the back of the virtue.

The two exceptions must have suffered from sunstroke.—Rudyard Kipling.

Judges of the Olympic Games.

The hellanodœ, or judges, were ten in number, selected by lot from the ten tribes of Elis. They entered upon their office ten months before the festival. They were first schooled in the traditions and regulations of the games, then studied the capacities of the athletes while they were still in training. They had to decide upon the qualifications of the contestants, make up the programme of the games, supervise the preparation of the scene of contest, act as judges in the games, and distribute the prizes. It was a position of honor and distinction. They came to the contest clad in purple robes, and sat in a tribune opposite the finish of the races in the stadium or hippodrome. They seem to have subdivided the function of judging, but at least three were present to judge in every contest. Their decisions were usually final, but an appeal might be carried to the Olympic senate. They were assisted in the execution of their commands by a large and well organized body of police.—Professor Allan Marquand in Century.

Long Rifle Barrels Best.

The average repeating rifle has a barrel 24 inches long, about four inches too short, say most rifle experts, because not nearly so accurate shooting can be done with the 24 inch barrel as with the longer barrel, but the short barrel has its advantages. In brush shooting it is better because it does not require so big a space to turn in, and at short range it is about as good as the long barrel, but in antelope hunting the long shots ordinarily required to reach the game are much too long for short barrels, and the same is true in mountain sheep hunting.—New York Sun.

A Bloodthirsty Monarch.

The king of Benin, on the west coast of Africa, believes in the efficacy of human sacrifices. When times are good, he kills a large number of slaves, and in seasons of calamity he kills an equally large number of these unfortunates, and in both cases to appease the gods, who are supposed to be equally angry at the good and the ill fortune of mortals.

SPAIN FROM A CAR WINDOW.

The Country Was Dry and Dusty and Seemed Burned to a Cinder.

It was fiery hot. It was noon when we reached the junction of Bendilla, where we turned eastward toward Granada. The carriage seemed a furnace, its wood was fire to our touch, the air that came through the windows was burning. The country was scorched to a cinder; the mountains glittered in the heat; the shadeless towns quivered in a hot haze like a mirage. We lay back, panting, fanning ourselves with our hats and our guidebooks. We came to baked, dust driven stations. At each was the same cry of "Water! Water!" from the women who made a living by selling it and the people in the train who were trying to drink it.

To names—Antequera, Loja, San Fernando—that earlier had thrilled us in Murray and Washington Irving we were now indifferent as they were spluttered by the dust choked guard. For hours the horizon was bounded by low mountains, with here and there tiny patches of snow on their upper slopes. But where were the dazzling, glowing snow peaks of the Sierra Nevada, that loom up so magnificently in the romance of Washington Irving, and in the story of every traveler who has been to Granada?

True, through the canebrake, stifling in the torrid air, we had seen two or three low hills crowned with olive groves, planted like a map, and on the top of each something that looked like the ruins of gigantic brick kilns or tumbled down factories. Granada must be near, for we had passed San Fernando, but neither to the right nor to the left could we see the minarets of the Moorish city or the domes of Catholic Spain. Slower and slower went the train, and then it stopped. Every one got out, and we knew it was Granada.—Elizabeth Robins Pennell in Century.

Old Whist Terms.

The following passage is from The Adventurer, No. 35, March 6, 1753:

"On Sunday last a terrible fire broke out at Lady Brag's, occasioned by the following accident: Mrs. Overall, the housekeeper, having lost three rubbers at whist running without holding a swabber (notwithstanding she had changed chairs, furzed the cards and ordered Jemmy the footboy to sit cross legged for good luck), grew out of all patience, and, taking up the devil's books, as she called them, flung them into the fire, and the flames spread to the steward's room."

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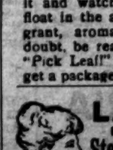

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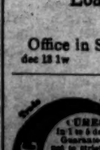

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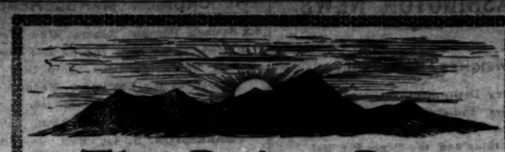

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BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE contained in a mortgage made by Isabella Farrior to the North Carolina Home Building Association, recorded in Book No 13, page 197 of the records of New Hanover County, the undersigned will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, N. C., on Tuesday, the 9th of February, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., the following lot of land in said city to-wit: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Seventh street 132 feet north of the northern line of Church street, runs thence east parallel with Church street 126 feet to Wilson street, thence north with the west line of Wilson street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Church street 126 feet to east line of Seventh street, thence south with said line of Seventh street 33 feet to the beginning.
JOHN D. BELLAMY,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
jan 19 5w

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 8, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.50 A M a m, Warsaw 11.31 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.46 p m, Rocky Mount 1.30 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.39 p m, Petersburg 5.14 p m, Richmond 6.50 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.58 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 8.00 p m.

DAILY No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 7.15 P M p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.40 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.34 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.05 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.45 p m, Columbia 12.05 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.10 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.30 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.40 p m. 3.25 P M

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.05 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.00 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 5.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 1.32 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.08 p m, Magnolia 4.50 p m. 6.40 P M

DAILY No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 7.15 9.30 a m night, New York 2.40 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.40 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.30 p m, Weldon 9.45 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.30 a m, Goldsboro 7.08 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.16 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.35 a 12.55 p m m, Sanford 2.19 p m, Jacksonville 7.00 p m Savannah 12.45 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.45 p m, Denmark 4.55 p m, Sumter 6.45 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.41 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.48 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7.55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.55 a m, Greenville 8.51 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11.23 a m, Weldon 11.47 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 3.40 p m, returning leaves Parmele 10.10 a m and 6.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.35 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.50 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.31 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.35 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 6 a m, Nashville 6.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.15 a m and 4.10 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m, and 8.00 p m.)

Florence Railroad leaves Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 42 a m, Rowland 10 01 a m., returning leaves Rowland 5.38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.05 p m, leave Conway 2.25 p m, Chadbourn 5.10 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 41 p m, Manning 7.10 p m, arrive Lane's 7 46 p m, leave Lanes 8.36 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m, Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.35 a m, 5.35 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 8 55 a m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, Cheraw 10 40 a m. Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 5.10 p m, arrive Darlington 6.6 p m, Hartsville 9 5 p m, Bennettsville 9 36 p m, Gibson 11 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 a m, arrive Darlington 9.37 a m, Hartsville 10 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 30 a m, arrive Darlington 7 1 a m, leave Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 15 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5.15 p m, Darlington 9 27 p m, arrive Florence 6 55 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 7 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.08 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 3.56 p m, Dunn 4.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m. 1.10 a m, Rowland 5.35 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.30 a m, 10.30 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12.10 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4.20 a m, Creston 5 21 a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4.55 p m, Creston 5 47 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9 15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bi-bopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.45 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.45 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday-only.

H. M. EMERSON,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

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W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND			STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND	
*6	†8			†7	25
A M	P M		—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	2 00	Lv	Mulberry street	Ar	12 40
7 00	1 10	Lv	Surry street	Ar	12 30
9 50		Ar	Jacksonville	Lv	12 05
11 00	3 55	Lv	"	Ar	10 45
11 55	4 30	Lv	Maysville	Lv	10 00
12 30	4 44	Lv	Pollocksville	Lv	9 35
1 30	5 30	Ar	Newbern	Lv	9 00
	P M			A M	

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*Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
†Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
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H. A. WHITING,
General Manager.
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Traffic Manager may 22 tf

Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad
Time Table.

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
18 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.			4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.	
Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 30	Goldsboro	11 25	.....
.....	4 15	Kinston	10 39	.....
5 15	5 35	Newbern	9 37	9 39
6 37	6 45	Morehead City	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 25 a m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT FEBRUARY 7, 1897.

SOUTH BOUND DAILY	MAIN LINE.		NORTH BOUND DAILY
No. 1.			No. 2.
1 45 p. m.	Ar	Wilmington Lv	7 10 a. m.
4 35 "	Lv	Fayetteville Ar	11 00 "
4 15 "	Ar	Fayetteville Lv	11 21 "
4 18 "	Ar	Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv	Sanford Lv	12 50 p. m.
12 48 "	Lv	Climax Lv	2 55 "
12 15 "	Lv	Greensboro Ar	3 35 "
11 55 a m	Ar	Greensboro Lv	3 55 "
11 07 "	Lv	Stokesdale Lv	4 38 "
10 32 "	Lv	Walnut Cove Lv	4 56 "
10 04 "	Lv	Rural Hall Lv	5 28 "
9 40 "	Lv	Mt Airy Ar

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 10, 1897

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Women of the United States Asking Their Earnest Co-operation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—The following circular, which explains itself, was made public to-day:

To the Women of the United States:

We ask your earnest and prompt co-operation in urging upon the Senate of the United States that after full consideration, it should ratify the arbitration treaty between this country and Great Britain, and without ameadments which will cripple its efficiency.

The mothers, the wives and the homes of our land have the deepest interest in the substitution of law for war. In times of conflict they are the greatest sufferers and while the nation's honor is dear to them, whatever tends to settle disputes by reason and law, rather than warfare, demands their heartiest endorsement.

It is absolutely necessary that the universal public opinion of the country in favor of the treaty should find expression. Therefore we ask you, without delay, to write personally to your Senators, to hold meetings, to send petitions and aid by all means in your power, the completion of the great act of Christian civilization.

Signed—Ellen M. Henrotin, Alice Freeman Palmer, Louisa Lee Schuyler, Josephine Shaw Lowell, Margaret Sangster, Mary Mapes Dodge, Mary Low Dickinson, Jeanette L. Gilder, Hannah B. Einstein, Grace H. Dodge, Mary E. Trautmon, Candace Wheeler, Elizabeth B. Custer, Maria Louise Beebe, Maud D. Ballington-Booth.

Address: JULIA M. PERCY, Secretary.

STEAMER THREE FRIENDS

At Pilot Town, Jacksonville, Waiting to Go Out After Any Ship That May Arrive Off the Bar—Steamer Dauntless Tied Up at the Dock, Under Supervision of the Revenue Cutter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 9.—The captain of the steamer David Kemps said this morning that when he left Mayport at 7 o'clock the steamer Three Friends was at Pilot Town, waiting to go out after any ships that might arrive off the bar. Nothing was in sight except the steamer Newark, which was lying off the bar watching for suspected filibusters.

The Dauntless was still tied up at the dock in port, under the supervision of the revenue cutter. In regard to the reported detention of the Dauntless, Captain Kilgore, of the Boatwell, said this morning that he did not take away the boat's papers as reported. "If I had taken the papers," said Capt. Gilgore, "I should have certainly turned him over to the Collector of Customs. I did not take the papers, and did not use the language ascribed to me in talking with the Captain or owner of the Dauntless. My orders are not to allow the boat to go outside the river without an officer on board, and I intend to follow the instructions."

The Dauntless will probably be allowed to leave port to-morrow if her owner makes an affidavit that she will not engage in anything but legitimate towing business.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Wheat had an irregular market to-day; prices opening lower and closing higher than yesterday, with strength greatly predominating throughout the session, which was an hour shorter than usual, the early adjournment being taken to permit members of the Board of Trade to attend the funeral of one of the directors. May wheat opened from 76¼ to 76¼c. advanced to 77¼c, closing at 77¼c bid—⅝@¾c higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and ¼c higher.

Corn displayed firmness but little activity. May corn opened at 24c, sold between 23⅞ and 23¼c, closing at 24@24¼—¼c higher than yesterday. Cash corn was steady and unchanged.

Like corn, oats was quite firm. The tone was derived from the former. May oats closed ¼@¼c higher than higher. Cash oats were easy and ¼c lower, closing steady.

Grain being firmer and hogs quotably a shade higher, product was naturally influenced for strength by these speculative conditions. At the same time there was apathy to the trade and nothing remarkable happened. May pork closed 12½@18c higher; May lard 5c higher, and May ribs 10c higher.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of 800 bales for spinning. Middling uplands 7¼c., against 8 8-16c. last year; New Orleans and gulf 7⅛c., against 8 7-16c. last year.

The speculation suffered a severe relapse to-day. The trading was quiet and featureless and the fluctuations in prices were few and confined within a narrow range. Early in the day prices advanced slightly. The Liverpool news was better than had been expected. Liverpool was a liberal buyer here, the South bought, and there was a small amount of buying for local account. But the buying power was soon exhausted and on selling by local longs prices slowly receded to last night's final quotations. The receipts were large and there was no disposition on the part of local operators to support the market. Before the close prices became firmer again on buying by some of the early sellers, and the market closed at a slight net advance for the day.

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NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Febuary 9.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 70. Spirits turpentine firmer at 30@30½c.

SAVANNAH, February 9.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30¾c, with sales of 235 casks; receipts 436 casks. Rosin firm; sales 287 barrels; receipts 5,794 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F $1 80, G $1 60, H $1 75, I $1 65, K $1 90, M $1 90, N $1 90, W G $2 00, W W $2 25.

CHARLESTON, February 9.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; A, B, C $1 40, D, E $1 45, F $1 45, G $1 60, H $1 65, I $1 90, K $1 90, M $1 95, N $1 95, W G $1 90, W W $2 15.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

RESUMING CONSIDERATION OF THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

The Senate Spent Nearly the Whole Time Behind Closed Doors—Mr. Amidon's Nomination Before the Senate for Confirmation—President Cleveland Overruled by the House in the Matter of Vetoes of Two Pension Bills.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Senate went into executive session at 12:40 for the purpose of resuming consideration of the arbitration treaty. Mr. Morgan, who had the floor when the Senate adjourned last evening, took up his speech against the convention at the point where it was broken off.

There was some discussion soon after the doors were closed this afternoon about the unusual publicity and accuracy relative to the secret debate of yesterday, Mr. Vest calling the attention of the Senate to the reports in the morning papers. The Missouri Senator said it was something of a farce for the Senate to refuse to open its doors and then to find the debate reported as fully as if the reporters were in the galleries. He accused no one but intimated that he should like very much to know where the leak was. Mr. Vest, however, did not ascertain the source where the information comes from. Several Senators coincided with Mr. Vest and a general criticism was indulged in for a few minutes in the hope that the talkative Senators might take the hint and cease giving away executive secrets.

To-day, as yesterday, the Senate spent nearly the whole time of its session in wrestling behind closed doors over the arbitration treaty. At 1 o'clock, on the motion of Mr. Sherman, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, the galleries were cleared, the doors were closed and the consideration of the treaty were entered upon.

During the transaction of the routine morning business, the concurrent resolution introduced yesterday by Mr. Pettigrew, withdrawing from the President a bill passed by both Houses in relation to the timber culture law, was taken up and passed. Mr. Hill, who had first questioned its legality, remarked that that question could be considered when the bill again came before the Senate if the President should return it.

A resolution was agreed to instructing the Judiciary Committee to make inquiry in the matter of Mr. Amidon, whose nomination as District Judge in North Dakota is before the Senate for confirmation.

A joint resolution was offered and referred, looking to the payment of some $57 000 to employes of the government printing office for leave of absence which they did not have since 1887.

At 5.30 the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

President Cleveland was overruled by the House to-day in the matter of vetoes of two pension bills. They were for the benefit of Rachael Patton and Caroline Mowatt, widows of soldiers who had re-married and lost their second husbands. The bills were vetoed, the messages stated, upon the ground that their passage would establish a dangerous precedent. Mr. Sullowav, of New York, in charge of one of the bills, asserted that the President had already approved fourteen similar bills, so that the precedent was pretty well established. The bill to pension Rachael Patton was passed, "the objections of the President notwithstanding," by the vote of 137 to 60, and that to pension Caroline Mowatt by the vote of 143 to 55.

After a brief debate the conference report on the Immigration bill was agreed to—217 to 37. This makes the third distinct proposition on the subject that the House has passed.

Senate amendments were concurred in to the bill giving prefereace rights for purchases under the Homestead law or at private entry to bona fide purchasers of swamp lands voted to the State of Mississippi in aid of the construction of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad and afterwards restored to the public domain.

Under the call of committees the following measures were passed:

Joint resolution to elect John Marshall Browne of Maine, a member of the Board of Governors of the National Soldiers' Homes.

Senate bill providing for the promotion of Passed Assistant Surgeons in the Navy.

House bill imposing a penalty for the unauthorized or misleading use of the word "copyright."

The House at 4.05 adjourned until to-morrow.

GOV. JNO. D. LONG

Denies the Published Announcement that He Had Been Tendered the Navy Portfolio.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 9.—This statement was written by ex Gov. Jno. D Long to-day, in answer to a question regarding the announcement from Canton, published in a morning paper, that Mr. Long had accepted the Navy portfolio:

"No correspondence has passed between Mr. McKinley and me for the last ten days; he then wrote me that he had me in mind for the Navy, but added that something might happen to change it, though not likely. I replied that I understood by this that he desired the matter to remain at a standstill, and that I should continue to say to the press that it was still under his consideration.

"Since then no word has passed between us. He knows that I am at his service, but I expressly told him when at Canton that if any complications should arise by which he might change his mind he might regard it as entirely satisfactory to me. For that reason there has not yet come to me any formal tender of the place."

CANTON, O., Feb. 9.—The statement that ex-Gov. Jno. D. Long had been definitely fixed upon for Secretary of the Navy was confirmed by Major McKinley himself this evening. There will be no departure from this assignment of the Navy portfolio unless the entire Cabinet should be re-arranged at the last moment.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

A Quarrel Over the Possession of a Match Resulted in a Frightful Shooting Affray Near Abingdon, Washington County, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BRISTOL, TENN., Feb. 9.—A quarrel over the possession of a match resulted in a frightful shooting affray near Abingdon, Washington county, Va., Sunday evening. John and Reuben Taylor and Will Carswell, all young men, engaged in a quarrel while returning home, using pistols. Carswell shot at Reuben Taylor and Taylor returned the shot, piercing Carswell's side with a ball. Alexander Carswell took up the fight for his wounded son and fired several shots at the Taylor brothers, wounding them both fatally. Will Carswell is not expected to recover. The elder Carswell was placed in jail at Abingdon yesterday. Jasper Odom, a young man who took the part of the Taylors, used his revolver freely, but without effect.

Advices from Canea, Crete, show that there has been renewed fighting outside the city between the belligerent Christians and a body of Turkish troops.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COINAGE, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The Navy Department Informed That the Spanners Indiana and Massachusetts Sailed For Charleston Yesterday Morning and the Texas For Galveston, Texas—General Lee Says Every Effort Will Be Made to Have Correspondent Scovel Brought to Havana For Trial.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures to-day further considered the Senate bill providing for the appointment of delegates to an international monetary conference to be held at some later day. Mr. Hill of Connecticut, Republican, a member of the Committee on Banking and Currency, addressed the committee in opposition to the bill. He was opposed to it under the circumstances, especially at this time. He denied that any responsibility laid on members of this Congress on this subject. If the bill was a pledge of the St. Louis platform, it did not need the endorsement of Senator Jones and others of the silver party. Further, it did not behoove a Democratic administration to carry out the pledge of the Republican convention. This obligation was upon the President and members of Congress chosen at the last election, and we should wait until the President-elect was installed in office before a crusade of this kind was begun.

The Navy Department is informed that the battleship Indiana sailed from Hampton Roads for Charleston, S. C., early this morning. The battleship Massachusetts sailed from New York for Charleston at 10 o'clock this morning, and the battleship Texas sailed from New New York at 8 a. m. direct for Galveston, Texas. She proposes to make no stops en route, and may not be heard from until her arrival in the Gulf unless spoken by passing vessels.

Consul General Lee telegraphs the State Department that Correspondent Scovel was caught on the railroad line between Tunas and Sancti Spiritus on his way from the insurgent camp. He may have to be tried at Sancti Spiritus, but every effort will be made to have him brought to Havana for trial.

The House Committee on Rivers and Harbors to-day reported a substitute for the Senate bill appropriating $350 000 for the repair of the crevasse on the Mississippi river at Pass A. L. Outre. The substitute appropriates a similar sum, but provides that it shall not be used in any way to relieve the Eads heirs from any obligations assumed by James B. Eads under his original contract for the maintenance of the South Pass channel and shall not relieve the heirs from any condition imposed by that contract. As a further precaution against the entire proposition is referred to the Attorney General to decide whether the action of the Government in making this appropriation will have the effect to impair any of the obligations resting on the Eads heirs and whether under the Eads contract it is not incumbent upon them to despair the crevasses themselves. If the Attorney General decides that the should do this, he is authorized to retain from the payment to the Eads heirs an amount equal to $350 000.

TRAIN ROBBERS.

Two Robbers Attempt to Hold Up a Train on the Santa Fe Line—One Killed and the Other Makes His Escape.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KINGMAN, ARIZONA TERRITORY, Feb. 9.—About 8.30 o'clock last evening two robbers attempted to hold up the westbound passenger train on the Santa Fe line, sixty miles east of here. After stopping the train they made the fireman get off the engine and uncouple the Express and mail cars. Messenger Sollers, thinking that something was wrong, told his assistant to get off the car on one side with a shotgun while he go off on the other side with a revolver. One of the robbers was standing near the engine, and the messenger fired at him at short range. The robber fell dead. The other robber then compelled the firemen to get on the engine again and run the engine and two express and mail cars up the road, where it was stopped and the robber made an unsuccessful attempt to get into the express car. The mail car was then entered and several registered packages taken. The robber then disappeared in the darkness. The dead robber was taken to Peach Springs, but he has not been identified. Officers have gone from Kingman with Indian trailers. It was snowing at the time, but it is now clear, and his tracks will be easily followed. The mail clerk says there were several robbers. The amount of money secured is unknown.

The posse which left here last night in pursuit of the robber returned this morning in order to secure a fresh supply of horses. The posse was reinforced and left again for the scene of the holdup at 11 o'clock. At Nelson Indian scouts took up the trail. It is clear and easily found as the man is riding one horse and leading another. It is known that the man started northward from the railroad towards Grand Canon, a point situated about thirty miles north of Kingman. The body of the robber who was killed during the hold-up is still at Peaches Springs, unidentified. The deceased was a young man of slender build, about six feet in height and of light complexion. From his dress he was evidently a cowboy. It is thought he was one of the gang of cattle thieves who had been operating in the northern part of this territory.

HAVANA AFFAIRS.

Gaspar Betancourt, a Naturalized Citizen of the United States, Was Acquitted of the Charge of Aiding and Abetting the Rebels.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Feb. 9.—Gaspar Betancourt, a naturalized American citizen, who was acquitted a few days ago of the charge of aiding and abetting the rebels, was finally released from custody to-day.

Ana Sotolongo, a woman who escaped on January 23rd, from the house of refuge, where she had been placed as a political suspect, was re-captured yesterday and was re-committed to the house of refuge.

Nine political suspects will be deported to Ceuta to-morrow.

Jose Acsuy, who was the principal witness in the case of Julio Sanguilly, now under sentence of imprisonment for life, was tried by a court-martial Saturday. The decision in his case is not known.

The Government has denied the request of Consul General Lee that Sylvester Scovel, the American newspaper correspondent who was arrested last week, be transferred to Havana for trial. The Government holds that as Scovel will be tried by a civil court, the proceedings should be held in Santa Clara, in which province he was arrested.

El Pas, the organ of the Autonomist party, present a high tribute to Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo in connection with the scheme of Cuban reforms. It applauds the measure and promises its adherence to the Government in the enforcement of the reforms. It declares that it expects that the scheme will be a powerful means in obtaining peace.

El Comercio, the Ultra conservative organ, maintains a significant silence on the subject of reform.

Charles Scott, an American citizen, has been arrested at Regla, across the bay from Havana. The reason of his arrest is unknown.

THE CRUISER MARBLEHEAD.

Six Seamen Brought Ashore Who Were Injured on the Ship During Her Passage Down the Coast Were Conveyed to the Charleston Marine Hospital—Naval Manoeuvres.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 9—This morning a gig came ashore from the United States cruiser Marblehead, which is lying a few hundred feet off the Southern wharf. The gig was in charge of Past Assistant Surgeon A. R. Wentworth, of the cruiser, and it carried the six seamen who were injured on the ship during the passage down the coast. Ambulances conveyed the wounded men to the Marine Hospital of the city. The injured sailors were John D. Ryan, blacksmith, right knee badly injured; John J. Hickey, plumber, scalp wound and nose injured; Andrew anderson, seaman, nose fractured and severe wound in the head; Herbert Cosborne, shipwright, small bone in right leg broken; Frederick C. Potter, carpenter's mate; ankle sprained. Herbert Lamar, a fireman belonging to the transport Fern, is also in the hospital suffering from a badly lacerated leg. All of the injured men were given the best medical attention and placed in comfortable quarters. They are doing well and will probably be able to rejoin their ships before the blockade is over. The Fern came up to the city at 10 o'clock this morning for mail and supplies, and, receiving them, returned to the lightship off which the squadron is lying in the position which it occupied last night. All the vessels are busy getting to rights, and it is not probable that any attempt at manoeuvering will be made before to-morrow or later.

All efforts made by newspaper correspondents to board the warships off Charleston bar to-day were futile. The Fern came up to the city for mail and provisions, and the Marblehead was lying off the battery, but the other ships were strung out to sea beyond the jetties for a distance of eight miles. The cruiser Columbia, which is the farthest out, is from sixteen to eighteen miles from the city. Early this morning some signalling was done from the flagship New York, and in consequence the ships began to move from the north to the south of the harbor. The battleship Maine anchored a little to the south of the lightship, which stands just six miles out from Fort Sumter. The Fern lies behind the Maine; the New York is half a mile further south. Half-way across the main channel is the Monitor Amphitrite, and beyond her and out to sea is the Columbia. It is supposed here that the ships have taken these stations with a view to effectually guarding the South entrance to the harbor, and that future arrivals, the Indiana and Massachusetts, for instance, will be placed to the north. The Dolphin was nowhere in evidence to-day and it is believed that she has sailed south, possibly to relieve the Newark at the mouth of the St. John's river. The battleships Indiana and Massachusetts are expected to arrive off the bar to morrow morning. It is known that the Vesuvius has been ordered away from League Island and as she is to be the blockade runner, it is thought she will come down the coast under her own orders after all the big ships are in position and try to run into the harbor undetected. This is the supposition, but it is at least possible and probable.

Every effort has been made by press representatives to get some detailed account of the injuries done the ships during the storm but it has been of no avail. The Marblehead when it came up to the city gave little evidence of injury; her superstructure was battered somewhat, but as one stood upon her deck she looked little the worse for wear.

WARM WIRELETS.

Torpedo boat No 6 did not leave yesterday as she was not ready for her trip.

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of E. W. Kickbusch, Jr., consul at Stettin, Germany.

The Raleigh has arrieved at Fort Monroe, and will go to Norfolk navy-yard and the Dolphin hasleft Charleston S Johns river.

The Cuban League of Norfolk, Va., has decided to make its initiation fee a box of Remington cartridges instead of the cash payment required formerly.

Naval orders were issued to-day as follows: Commander C. C. Todd will be transferred from the Washington to the Norfolk navy-yard March 1st.

The cruiser Brooklyn, which struck on Schooner Ledge, in the Delaware river below Chester, Pa., on the 30 h ultimo, was safely docked at 9.23 this morning.

Gov. Black has signed Senator Mullins' bill appropriating $13 000 for the representation of the State o New-York at the Tennessee Centennial exhibition at Nashville.

A dispatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the London Gazette publishes a royal decree ordering all available Greek warships to be sent to Crete with the least possible delay.

A conference of Eastern stockholders, of the Southern Building and Loan Association, of Knoxville Tenn., was held in the New York law offices of Russell, Winslow & Frumbeg, yesterday. Mr. Russell submitted a plan of voluntary liquidation designed to prevent a permanent receivership. The general meeting of the stockholders will be March 4, at Knoxville.

The Santa Fe robbery is to be investigated by the postal authorities at Denver, Col. Chief Postoffice Inspector McMichen sent a detective out to the scene of the robbery this afternoon. Chief McMichen says that from the information he has he believes the dead robber to be Jack Musgrove, who was concerned in the White Oaks, N. M., robbery some time ago.

A Hartford, Conn., dispatch says the Senate yesterday concurred with the House in rejecting the Cuban resolution which was reported favorably by the Committee on Federal Relations. The House insistedon its action of passing resolutions of sympathy with Cuba, last week rejected by the Senate, and appointed a committee of conference.

The cruiser Detroit left Nagasaki, Japan, yesterday for Hong Kong on her 12 000-mile cruise home with the short term men of the Asiatic squadron. From Hong Kong she will go to Bangkok, meet the Machias if the vessel continues there, or else will join her at Singapore Stops on the 18 000-mile trip will be at Colombo, Aden, Suez, Malta, Gibraltar, and the Azores, the vessel being due at New York about May 1st.

In Central City, West Virginia, last night, three masked robbers shot to death Policeman Alexander McClarkey. The robbers had just held up two men and relieved them of valuables, and McClarkey was in pursuit. A volley of bullets were fired at the officer, and he fell with fatal wounds. One hundred men heavily armed are in pursuit, and blood hounds are on the trail. Lynching will result if a capture is made.

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CHARLESTON'S

City Council Has Extended to the Governor of South Carolina and General Assembly an Invitation to Visit That City on the 18th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 9.—At a meeting of the City Council of Charleston held to-night an invitation was extended to the Governor of South Carolina and the General Assembly to visit the city on the 18th, when Secretary Herbert and Admiral Bunce and the officers of the fleet are to be entertained by the citizens and commercial bodies. A special train is placed at the disposal of the Governor and the Legislature by the South Carolina & Georgia Railroad. This will be utilized in bringing the visitors to Charleston from Columbia. On the 18th a public dinner will be given by the Chamber of Commerce and among the guests will be Secretary Herbert of the Navy, Admiral Bunce and other distinguished people. A public reception will be held by Mayor Smythe and at night a ball will be given the visitors.

BURGLARS WITH A BIBLE.

Value of the Book as the Thieves Explained It to Their Lawyer.

When a western lawyer of distinction was once visiting a strange town, he volunteered to defend two men charged with stealing a boat. The men were found in possession of the boat and were suspected of being prisoners recently discharged from a neighboring penitentiary.

They were frank enough with their counsel to own that they were discharged prisoners, and they said that they had taken the boat merely to aid them in their journey. They professed to have no money, and the only things found upon their persons were a child's picture bearing an affectionate inscription, a little arrangement of hooks and wire apparently for hanging up the picture, and a Bible inscribed "From Mother to Harry." One of the prisoners was willing to go upon the stand and swear that they were not discharged prisoners, but the other declared that he was a Catholic and as such had conscientious scruples against perjury. So neither was put upon the witness stand. The defense was mainly an appeal to the jury in the name of the Bible found upon one of the prisoners, and so effective was the lawyer's plea that many of the jurors wept as he pictured these virtuous and penniless young men tempted to borrow the boat in order that they might reach home and kindred. The result was the prompt acquittal of the prisoners.

Soon after the verdict was given the lawyer had a private conference with his clients, and on their confessing that they had $30 between them he asked for $25 for his services. They admitted the obligation, but begged time for payment. They owned that they were burglars and earnestly begged for the return of the property taken from them. The lawyer had it in his possession, and he begged his clients to tell him its special value. They promptly showed him that the queer little device seemingly for hanging up the picture was really a set of skeleton keys. As to the Bible—why, a Bible was an excellent thing to have on hand in case of arrest, and this particular Bible was valuable for other purposes, as one of the lids contained a secret receptacle for a set of delicate burglar's tools.

The lawyer ended by accepting the promise of his burglar friends as to sending him his fee when they could spare the money, but he insisted upon keeping the Bible and the skeleton keys, though they pleaded hard, especially for the former. He had returned home and almost forgotten the burglars, when one day he received a letter inclosing the amount of his fee and saying that this was part of the first money that his late clients had earned. This last word was significantly underscored. When some months after the lawyer and his family were summering away from home, he received a letter saying that his house had been entered by burglars and completely ransacked for valuables. The lawyer returned to find that the house indeed had been turned topsy turvy, but none of the valuables was gone. One thing, however, was missing, the Bible of his burglar clients, and he recognized in the burglary their handiwork.—New York Sun.

Journalism In South Africa.

News from the pioneer towns of South Africa is very frequently characterized by quaint humor. A Bulawayo paper, for instance, lately contained the following paragraph: "In consequence of the local baker departing suddenly from our midst, regretted by all his friends except his creditors, Bulawayo has been without bread the greater part of the week." In one issue of The Friend of the Free State there appeared a paragraph to the effect that through the illness of "our reporter, who had to leave the Rand" the previous day, the editor regrets to state that "we have been unable to furnish as full a report as usual." Another South African journal failed to appear for a week and then came out with an explanation to the effect that the cause of its temporary nonappearance was the mysterious disappearance of the Kaffir "boys" who usually supplied the "steam power" for the machine.—London News.

Nuts For Dinner.

"There will be nuts for dessert, dear," said Mrs. Oakland to her husband during the progress of the dinner.

"I am glad of that," replied Mr. Oakland. "I am very fond of English walnuts and almonds, and I think it is more wholesome to have nuts occasionally than so much pastry."

"But these are doughnuts."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

At Some Disadvantage.

"I suppose it's all understood between George and Clara?"

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You talk to your pets, of course, boys and girls. We have not supposed that you do not. Was there ever a boy who wouldn't talk to his dog? The dog answers you. He wags his tail, looks up into your face, licks your hands, jumps about you, and when, in his opinion, the conversation grows too exciting to be carried on in an ordinary manner he barks as loud as he can to give fuller expression to his feelings.

Now, a boy may have a dog for a pet and some other member of the family may have a canary. The boy considers his dog the finest, cleverest fellow in the world. A canary he thinks is a stupid little thing that cares for nobody and is easily frightened. Let him go up gently to the canary and talk to it for a moment. The little bird will cock its head first on one side, then on the other and will chirp a delighted answer, ending very probably in a burst of happy song. After awhile it will know that boy's voice and will show the greatest joy whenever he enters the room. He can soon teach the little creature to come at his call and to take its favorite hemp seed or a morsel of fruit from his fingers. If one pays no attention at all to an animal, it cannot be otherwise than stupid. We know a sad story of a canary that had scrupulous care, but was left constantly alone. Its cage hung where it could not look out of the window, and no amusement of any sort was provided for it. The poor little mite died of nothing in the world but solitary confinement.

A yet sadder story is told of a child. A woman who was not her mother simply fed and clothed a little girl. Day after day she let the child crawl around the room where she took in washing for a living. Not only did she never pet her, she never even spoke to her. Some good people noticed that the little girl showed no intelligence and could not talk. It was because she had never been taught a single word. The little girl is now bright and happy with kind friends.—Our Animal Friends.

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Feb. 5th, This Week and Next. Feb. 13th.

500 All-Wool extra super Carpet at 50c yard.

Just one dozen Chenille Covers, one and half yards square, at 50c each.

A few of those 35c Corsets left. Sizes 26, 27, 28, 29.

25 Japanese Rugs 3x5 feet, only $1.25 each.

50 Nubia Rugs. Special values $1.50 each.

100 Beautiful Oak Single Panel Screens at $1 each, filled.

Dantan Rugs—any size from the door mat to the large room size.

50 Pieces China and Fancy Japanese Mattings. We carry the best, nothing else.

Gents' and Ladies' Underwear at 20 per cent. discount.

Jackets at 25 per cent. discount.

An endless variety of Embroideries from the sweetest patterns for children to the most exquisite designs.

Dress Goods—54-inch Ladies' Cloth, Spring shades at 50c yard.

Spring Novelties—We are keeping pace with fashion.

A few pieces of Silk left at 19 and 37½c per yard.

A line of Velvet Plushes thrown on the counter at 25c. They are worth $1 yard.

We have Warner's Corsets, R. and G. Corsets, Thompson's Glove Fitting Corsets, C-B a la Sprite Corset, Silvia French woven Corset. Sole agency for Her Majesty's Corsets.

Fenian Waists, Nazareth Waists, Lace Curtains, Notions. Bring your Periodical Tickets.

A. D. BROWN,

No. 29 North Front St.

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From Early Dawn

UNTIL NINE AT NIGHT WE ARE offering for sale goods as described below. We want to move our stock, and prices is what talks, as business is no longer done on love and favor, but on solid merit and low prices.

We have made some special low prices in Bleached 4-4 Sheeting, Columbus Bleaching, 1 yard, at 5c. Androscoggin 4-4 Bleaching, perfectly free from dressing, nice pretty goods, at 6c. Fruit of the Loom, 1 yard, 6¼c. 1 yard wide damaged Bleaching, at 4c. 1 yard wide heavy Sheeting in remnants, at 4¼c, worth 6c. Beautiful Sea Island Sheeting at 4¼c. Pee Dee Plaids at 4¼c.

Good Pants Cloth for boys' pants at 8c. Very heavy Kersey, thick and strong, at 12½c. Wool Jeans at 18 and 20c. Cotton Jeans at 9¼c.

SHOES, SHOES—Don't go barefooted, as it will not pay. Men's heavy solid leather Creedmores at 95c a pair. Oak tan whole stock Creedmores, high cut, at $1.25 a pair. Beautiful stock Men's fine Buff Calf, Lace or Congress, all solid Shoes, cheap, new goods, at $1.25. Women's Pebble Polka at 95, 95 and $1.00. Women's Fat Tip Dongola finish button Shoes in large sizes, from 8's to 8's, at 63c a pair. Ladies' very fine line of Dongola Shoes at $1.25 and 150. 144 pairs of fine French Kid Shoes in small sizes, from 2½ to 4, in narrow lasts, from A, B, C and D width, worth $2.00 to 3.00, now $1.25 a pair to close. A big job in Children's Shoes from 19, 25 and 35c a pair. Boys' Shoes from 75c, $1.00 to $1.25 a pair. Men's fine Calf Shoes $1.75, 2.25 and 3.00 a pair. Boots from $1.75 to 3.25.

Men's heavy weight seamless Beel Socks at 5c. Full line of Children's fast color Black Hose, all sizes from 5½ to 9½, at 10c a pair.

Suspenders from 5 to 25c a pair.

A big drive in new Trunks. One solid car-load received yesterday. 26 inch Zinc Covered Trunk, with bonnet box, for $1.15 each; 28 inch, 1.45; 30 inch, 1.75; 32 inch, 1.95; 34 inch, 2.15; 36 inches long, 2.35 each. Packing Trunks from 25c to $1.10 each. Telescopes, 14 inches long, for 50c; Canvas Covered, with leather straps, up to 24 inches long, at $1.40 each.

Fine line of Men's Laundred